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SUBJ: ROK AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH PRIMIN OF FIJI

1. ROK AMBASSADOR LO SUK-CHAN (RESIDENT IN CANBERRA) WAS IN SUVA WEEK OF AUGUST 16. HE HAD FIFTY MINUTE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RATU SIR KAMISESE MARA ON AUGUST 20, ON WHICH HE BRIEFED CHARGE BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR AUSTRALIA AUGUST 21.

2. AFTER BRIEFING PRIMININ GENERAL TERMS ON CURRENT SITUATION IN BOTH KOREAS, AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTION OF KOREAN RESOLUTIONS AT UNGA, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FIJI WOULD BE ABLE SUPPORT FRIENDLY RESOLUTIONS THIS YEAR (LAST YEAR FIJI ABSTAINED ON BOTH RESESIN COMMITTEE AND PLENARY). LO NOTED ROK AMBASSADOR TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA, RESIDENT IN JAKARTA, RECENTLY VISITED PORT MORESBY AND WAS TOLD BY FONAFF OFFICIALS PNG WOULD BE GUIDED BY FIJI IN VOTING ON KOREAN ISSUE. LO HOPED FIJI, NOW

RESPONSIBLE FOR 2 VOTES, WOULD TAKE POSITIVES STANCE AND NO ABSTAIN.

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WITH 12 FEWER COSPONSORS THAN LAST YEAR. PRIMIN PARTICULARLY

INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT COUNTRIES HAD DROPPED FROM LIST. HE WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN POSITION AUSTRALIA APPEARS TO BE TAKING THIS YEAR.

4. PRIMIN SAID THAT BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION, HE WISHES CONSULT WITH PERMREP SIKIVOU, DUE BACK IN SUVA ON RETIREMENT END OF AUGUST, AND TO HAVE BENEFIT OF OPINION OF NEW PERMREP VUNIBOBO, AFTER HE HAS ARRIVED IN NEW YORK. PRIMIN WILL ATTEND UNGA AND WILL ADDRESS PLENARY OCTOBER 11.

5. LO REITERATED TO PRIMIN INVITATION TO VISIT ROK. PRIMIN NOTED THAT SEVERAL YEARS AGO HE HAD STATED HE WOULD VISIT BOTH KOREAS. HE IS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN VISITING NORTH BUT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING SOUTH AND SAID HE WOULD LET AMBASSADOR KNOW ONCE FIJIAN POSITION ESTABLISHED.

6. AMBASSADOR TOLD CHARGE HE FELT ENCOURAGED BY PRIMIN'S ATTITUDE. HALL

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